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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT DECLARES LANGDON DAY WITH CHECK PRESENTATIONS

*"Cavalier County Job Development Authority, the city of Langdon, and Langdon Rural Water District receive checks."*

**LANGDON, September 29, 2004** – During a stop over in the Langdon area today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development State Director, Clare Carlson, presented three ceremonial checks to three local entities.



The first check for \$135,410 is presented to the Cavalier County Job Development Authority. The check represents a Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) for \$37,410 and a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) for \$98,000. Both grants are administered through USDA Rural Development's business-cooperative programs.

"These partnership investments with local communities help bring economic growth and employment opportunities to rural areas," said Carlson. "This assistance underscores the commitment of President George Bush and the Bush Administration to a vibrant and healthy rural America."

The RBEG funds for \$98,000 will be leveraged with \$102,000 from the Cavalier County Loan Pool to establish a revolving loan fund to assist with business development, retention, and expansion in Cavalier County. This project will assist four businesses and create and/or save 66 jobs resulting in substantial employment mitigating economic distress of the communities.

The RBOG funds for \$37,410 will be leveraged with \$38,930 from the Cavalier County Job Development Authority to provide technical assistance to implement the funding processes necessary to complete community development projects as outlined in the Cavalier County Strategic Plan Program of Work. This project should lead to improvements in the quality of economic activity within the communities.

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The second check for \$500,000 is presented to the city of Langdon. This check represents an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) administered through USDA Rural Development's utility program.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be partnering with the State Water Commission and the Department of Commerce in this much needed emergency services project," said Carlson.



The ECWAG funds will be used to replace the spillway and regrade/replace the embankment of the Mount Carmel Dam, which provides the drinking water for the city of Langdon. Total repairs are estimated at approximately \$3,450,000 with other funding from North Dakota State Water Commission for \$2,850,000 and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$100,000.



The third check is presented to Langdon Rural Water District in the amount of \$2,714,000. This check represents a loan administered through USDA Rural Development's utility programs. The funds will be used to expand and modify the existing water treatment plant and booster station, construct two 100,000 gallon underground reservoirs, and install

approximately 250 miles of PVC pipeline. Water will be supplied to approximately 219 new users from portions of Cavalier, Walsh, Towner, Ramsey, and Benson counties, along with current users. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$10,032,000. Other funds include a Municipal, Rural, and Industrial (MR&I) grant of approximately \$6,755,000 and an application contribution for \$563,000.

“A quality supply of water and reliable distribution system are vital to rural America’s future success,” said Carlson.

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